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CATTLE PRICES UP FROM LAST MONTH

STIOUX FALLS, December 30, 1999 -- Preliminary cattle prices for December were up from November, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. Preliminary December crop prices are mixed: this month corn and barley up, sunflowers and soybeans down, and winter wheat unchanged.

The preliminary December all beef cattle price, at \$78.10, was up \$3.20 from last month and up \$18.50 from last year. Steers and heifers, at \$87.70, were up \$3.60 from November and \$17.80 above December of last year. Calves, at \$103.00, were up \$4.60 from last month and \$22.90 higher than last December.

The preliminary December all hog price, at \$34.40, was down 20 cents from last month but up \$16.00 from last year. Barrows and gilts were \$16.70 higher than last year while sows were up \$12.60.

The preliminary all wheat price for December, at \$2.59, was down 6 cents from last month and down 38 cents from last year. The winter wheat price, at \$2.09, was unchanged from last month but down 51 cents from last December. The spring wheat price, at \$2.71 was down 7 cents from last month and down 58 cents from last year. The December soybean price, at \$3.97, was down 12 cents from last month and down \$1.02 from last year. The corn price, at \$1.45, was up 2 cents from last month but down 17 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$5.71, was down 32 cents from last month and down \$4.23 from last year.

The all hay price for December, at \$43.00 per ton, was unchanged from November, but was \$10.00 below last year. The alfalfa price, at \$46.00 per ton, was down \$1.00 from last month and down \$14.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$27.00, was unchanged from last month but down \$8.00 from December 1998.

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COMMODITY	UNIT	December 1998 1/	November 1999 1/	December 1999 2/
----- DOLLARS -----				
Corn	Bu.	1.62	1.43	1.45
Soybeans	Bu.	4.99	4.09	3.97
Sunflowers	Cwt.	9.94	6.03	5.71
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.97	2.65	2.59
Winter	Bu.	2.60	2.09	2.09
Other Spring	Bu.	3.29	2.78	2.71
Durum	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Barley, All	Bu.	1.87	2.18	2.39
Feed	Bu.	1.35	1.33	1.20
Malt	Bu.	5/	2.23	2.40
Oats	Bu.	1.03	1.10	1.17
Flaxseed	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	59.60	74.90	78.10
Cows	Cwt.	30.30	33.30	34.20
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	69.90	84.10	87.70
Calves 4/	Cwt.	80.10	98.40	103.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	18.40	34.60	34.40
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	19.40	36.10	36.10
Sows	Cwt.	10.50	24.50	23.10
Lambs	Cwt.	68.90	86.30	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	25.70	31.10	NA
Hay, All	Ton	53.00	43.00	43.00
Alfalfa	Ton	60.00	47.00	46.00
Other	Ton	35.00	27.00	27.00

1/ Entire month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Over 500 lbs. 4/ Under 500 lbs. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. NA = Not Available.

